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Bank and thus set an example for them to fol-
low? Open a savings account for them and
see how enthusiastic they will be with it.

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JUVENILE SEED CORN WORK.

Campaign of Great Value Carried on
by Public School Children.

The seed corn work of the children of
the public schools has assumed giant
proportions. The superintendents of
country schools have given splendid
support to this movement.

The boys and girls are encouraged
each to select a farmer partner. It is
noticeable that there are just about the
same number of farmers as pupils in
the average district. In any event the
children are so apportioned that each
farmer has a young partner. Each
pupil calls upon his farmer partner to
learn how he cares for his seed corn,
asking him the name of the variety,
how many bushels he secured per acre,
what date the crop was planted, when
date gathered, how hung up, how pro-
tected from rats and mice, how much
he has on hand and how much he is
willing to take for what surplus seed
corn he may have for sale.

This information is taken back to
school, where the pupils compare notes
and each writes his findings. The
farmer partner is invited to come to a
school meeting, and the best essays are
selected and read.

If it is found that the seed corn is
scarce the next duty of the young part-
ner is to locate all of the 1914 corn still
in the crib and to test it for vitality.
These tests are to be made with corn
during February and March. The "rag
doll" which is the most popular mod-
ern testing method, is being supplied
through the co-operation of the grain
men, millers, bankers, commercial
clubs, etc., to all of the schools whose
pupils will sign an agreement, each
designating his willingness to select
and co-operate with a different farmer.

One of the duties of this campaign will be
beyond comparison, if in the average
corn county there are 100,000 acres of
corn land and an increase of ten bushels
per acre, which is entirely reasonable
throughout the season, would add
millions of bushels of corn which might
not otherwise be grown. It would
therefore seem that children, in addi-
tion to obtaining this practical train-
ing, would greatly add to the wealth of
the community.

County Agriculturists Active.

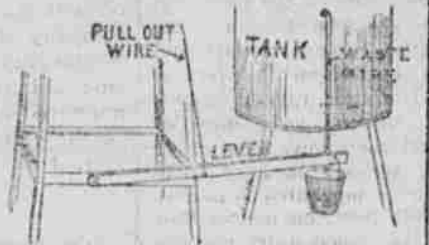
The county agriculturist in Wash-
ington state has made himself felt
in the development of a better agricul-
ture, notwithstanding that the move-
ment is new, and only nine counties
have thus far availed themselves of
the privilege of the law creating the
office of county agriculturist. (Chap-
ter 18, Session Laws of 1913, establish-
ing "The Bureau of Farm Develop-
ment.") In the last year these county

agriculturists, nine of them, have called
together in public meetings 20,000 peo-
ple for lectures or agricultural demon-
strations. Twenty registered units
have been introduced into farming
communities on the initiative of the
county agriculturists. A similar num-
ber of "scrub hills" have been dis-
posed of. Seed testing, seed selection
in the field, farm sanitation, improve-
ment in farm buildings, the introduc-
tion of relative methods of farming,
improvement in drainage systems and
widespread distribution of literature
pertaining to agricultural development
are included in the activities of the
county agriculturists.

The counties provided with county
agriculturists at present are Wash-
kum, Benton, Adams, Spokane, Walla
Walla, Douglas, Okanogan, Kootenai and
Thurston.

Overflow Stops the Mill.

Here is a device for shutting off the
windmill when the tank is full. It is
simple as it is ingenious and was con-
ceived by a neighbor of mine, says a
Farm and Fireside contributor. The
supply tank stands within a few feet
of the windmill, and when full the
water runs out of a hole near the top.
This he fitted with a short length of
pipe. Then he made a lever from a
piece of 2 by 4. He bolted one end to
the windmill frame so that the other
end reached a point under the waste



pipe from the tank. The "pull out"
wire from the windmill head was fast-
ened to the long lever. Then he hung
a large empty bucket near the end of
the lever under the waste pipe. The
overflow water ran into the bucket,
and when it was nearly full its weight
pulled down the wire and stopped the
mill. As long as the water remained
in the bucket the mill was kept turned
out of the wind and would not pump.
To save the work of emptying the
bucket he bored a gimlet hole in the
bottom so that it leaked out in about
two hours. The weight is thus taken
off, and the mill resumes pumping until
shut off in the same way when the
tank is full. The waste water causes
but little inconvenience.

The device could be made to work
in winter by digging a pit to prevent
water freezing in the bucket and hav-
ing the waste pipe inclosed and run
to the ground.

Farm Home Consumption.

The average annual value to the
farm family of food, fuel, oil and a
roof overhead as reported for several
hundred farms studied by the depart-
ment of agriculture was found to be
\$505.08, of which \$121.17 was furnished
by the farm.

Runciman and Henley.

It is related that shortly after Runc-
man, the well known writer on sea-
faring and smugglers and poachers,
had bitterly fallen out with W. E. Hen-
ley he lay dying in London. To Hen-
ley in Edinburgh, lame and ill, came
an indirect message that Runciman
believed that if Henley would come and
look on him he would get well. It was
a dying man's whim, but Henley
took the train from Edinburgh and
arrived in London to find his friend
dead.

Chaplains in the Navy.

There are in the United States navy
four chaplains of the rank of captain,
eleven of the rank of commander, one
of the rank of lieutenant commander,
two of the rank of lieutenant and six
of the rank of lieutenant junior grade.
Acting chaplains have the pay and al-
lowances of lieutenants junior grade,
and after serving three years at sea
they are appointed chaplains. The
yearly pay of a captain is \$4,000, com-
mander \$3,500, lieutenant commander
\$3,000, lieutenant \$2,400 and lieutenant
junior grade \$2,000.

The best protest against the
observation "Xmas" is the
suggestion that it should be
changed to "Sunas." Or, to
most children, the day is
"mas" and "mas," and to the
grownups it is "Xmas."

BENNINGTON BRIEFS

News of the Town and Village Told
Briefly for Busy Readers

Christian Science service, Sunday
at 11 o'clock at 542 Main street. Sub-
ject: "God the Preserver of Man." Golden
Text: "Wait on the Lord; be
of good courage, and he shall strength-
en thine heart; wait, I say, on the
Lord." The public is cordially wel-
come.

Services at St. Peter's on Sunday
will be Holy Communion at 7.30 a. m.
Morning Prayer sung at 10.45 and
Evening Prayer at 5 p. m. The sub-
ject of the morning's address will be
"The Intermediate State." Sunday
school will be at 9.30 a. m. On Wed-
nesday at 10 a. m. there is a fifteen
minute service of intercession for
those at war.

In response to an urgent appeal to
help relieve a distress in Serbia, a card
party will be given in Forester's hall
next Wednesday evening. Tickets at
25 cents may be had of any of the
committee or at Gokay's Drug store.
The New York committee on Serbia
has plans which promise to bring re-
lief to these people who are dying
before the invading armies; but they
need money immediately. Therefore
this entertainment is planned now,
instead of for a later date.

"The Sanctuary in the Midst" will
be Mr. Mills' subject tomorrow morn-
ing, at the Second Congregational
church. Stereopticon lecture on "The
New Penology—The Redemption of
the Prisoner," at the evening service.
Hours of worship are 10.30 a. m. and
7.30 p. m. Sunday school at 12 m.
Every scholar, teacher, and officer is
requested to be present. Last chance
to prepare for Christmas Sunday, C.
E. meeting at 6.30 p. m. The public
is cordially invited to all these ser-
vices. At the morning service, ac-
cording to the suggestion of the
governor for all the churches of the
state, an offering will be made to the
Belgian Relief Fund.

MERRY

CHRIST'S coming inaugurated
among men a new era of good
will and—as a consequence
thrones are tottering, chains
are loosening, prison doors are opening
and practical Christian beneficence is
flooding the world with sunshine and
fills it with songs of gladness.—Rev.
Dr. P. S. Benson.

HERE is that "glad tidings," that
gospel of "great joy" of which
the angel spoke to the wonder-
ful shepherds—this announce-
ment of God's love for man and man's
sonship to God. And these "glad tid-
ings" are for "all people," so the angel
said. There is not a single soul to
whom the tidings of Christmas come
that is not assured of the love of the
almighty and infinite Father.

REFORM ye, then—so sounds the
voice of the Eternal Spirit, the
power back of evolution—re-
form ye, for the kingdom of
heaven is at hand! So we may aid
ourselves to every task of reform with
new hope and fresh enthusiasm and
ring our Christmas bells again.—Rev.
Dr. H. Heber Newton.

IT may be that in every gift with
which at this blessed Christmas
tide we gladden our children's
hearts we are the Magi again of-
fering treasure to the Holy Child. We
may make it so. But richer gifts than
these will be required. Our endurance
shall be our gift to him who gave him-
self. Is there toil for us that we
may honor him? Is there self denial?
Are there holy consecration and humble
service, that shall make the world at
last a spotless sacrifice to him who
purchased it?

SO we keep Christmas because of
its good tidings of great joy,
the season of its occurrence is
our ripest time. The north
wind and the snow in that wind have
made us what we are. It drove us to
the hearth, to the sacred fires of the
inner circle, to the building of the key-
stone in the arch of our civilization,
the home of the Christian man.—Rev.
Dr. S. P. Cadman.

TODAY all institutions are be-
ginning to imitate the wise
men from the east, who
brought to the Divine Child
their gold and aromatic spices, their
frankincense and treasure. Christ's
essence of the value of childhood has
conquered the world. His thought of
childhood is the very heart and genius
of Christian civilization.—Rev. Dr.
Newell Dwight Hillis.

MORNING, noon and night, for
breakfast, dinner and sup-
per, the first thing on awak-
ing and the last thing on go-
ing to sleep, every hour of every day
of every week of every month of the
year we want the spirit of Christmas,
for it is the spirit of ministrations,
of giving, of service, of doing for others.
—Rev. Dr. Francis E. Clark.

AND did you ever think what a
peculiarly blessed sound in the
ears of those watching shep-
herds of the valley of Bethle-
hem was the announcement of the
angels, "Christ has come?" Ever since
the gate of paradise was shut against
our first parents his advent had been
looked forward to as the hope of a lost
world.

STILL there is call for strenuous
endeavor and constant fight
against evils without and with-
in, as though God would re-
mind us that this is not our rest, that
the true holiday (holy day, as it used
to be written) is above at his right
hand.—Rev. Dr. S. P. Cadman.



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NOTICE

The annual meeting of the Stock-
holders of the Bennington County Na-
tional Bank of Bennington, Vermont,
will be held in their banking rooms
on Tuesday, the fourth day of Janu-
ary, 1916, at 10 o'clock a. m., for the
purpose of electing a Board of Direc-
tors for the ensuing year and to trans-
act such other business as may
properly come before it.
H. Harry Sharpe, Cashier.
Dec. 4, 1915.

NOTICE

Bennington County Savings Bank
The annual meeting of the corpora-
tors of the Bennington County Sav-
ings Bank will be held at the office of
said bank in its bank building in Ben-
nington, Vt., on the first Wednesday,
5th day of January, A. D. 1916 at 2
o'clock p. m., for the purpose of
electing a board of trustees for the
year ensuing and the transaction of
any other business found necessary
when met, especially to fill vacancies
in the number of corporators and to
alter and revise the by laws.
Charles H. Dewey, Secretary.
Dated at Bennington, Vt., Nov. 30,
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—ANSEL P. RITCHIE, Prop.